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Situation Report Severe Storms October 18, 2007, 7am

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SUMMARY

A line of severe storms moved across Missouri Wednesday afternoon and evening causing heavy rains, damaging winds and several suspected tornadoes. Two Missourians were killed in north central Missouri. Flash flood warnings and river flood warnings were issued by National Weather Service. SEMA officials are monitoring the situation and will get further reports as daylight allows inspections. SEMA has received no requests for assistance at this time.

Ameren officials report, about 11,800 customers in Missouri are without power, with 5,000 in Cape Girardeau County, 4,300 in St Louis County, and 1,700 in St Charles County. Ameren officials say power should be restored to nearly all areas by 12pm on Thursday.

County Reports:

Adair County—Power outages were reported in Kirksville Wednesday night, but power has since been restored for most of the area.

Callaway County—High winds destroyed a grain barn near Highway Z and JJ. Also minor damage reported north of Kingdom City.

Cape Girardeau County—High winds caused significant power outages around Cape Girardeau. Officials report about 5000 customers without power.

Cooper County—High winds knocked down power lines, and caused minor damage to some buildings on Main Street in Boonville.

Greene County—Numerous sightings of tornadoes were reported. However, no major damage reported at this time. Debris was reported on roads near Cave Springs.

Jasper County—Officials reported significant power outages when the storm struck Wednesday night. However, power had been restored in most areas by Thursday morning.

Johnson County—Tornado reported near Centerview. Damage limited to some downed trees.

Lawrence County—Tornado reported in Lawrence County near Aurora and Chesapeake. Three homes and a dairy barn sustained damage. Power substation was also damaged causing minor power outages.

Monroe County—Two people were killed when high winds struck a mobile home six miles northeast of Paris. A barn was destroyed by high winds near Madison.

Stoddard County—High winds caused some minor power outages around the county.

St Charles County—High winds caused significant power outages. Officials report about 1700 customers without power in and around City of St Charles.

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St Louis County—High winds knocked out power in the county. Officials report about 4300 homes and businesses without power.

Weather

National Weather Service forecast calls for windy conditions on Thursday, with gusts in some areas reaching 35 mph. The weather service also says thunderstorms could redevelop on Thursday, although the possibility of widespread severe weather is not as great. River levels are rising in areas of northwest Missouri, but no major flooding is currently forecast.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.